

Big Cypress National Preserve

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Big Cypress Press Release August ORV Advisory Committee Meeting

The Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Advisory Committee (ORVAC) will meet at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 17.

For more details about the ORVAC, meeting agendas and minutes, or to submit agenda items go to http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt/orv-advisory-committee.htm. Comments and requests may also be submitted in writing to - Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141, Attn: ORV Advisory Committee.

The ORV Advisory Committee was established pursuant to the Preserve's 2000 <u>Recreational Off-road Vehicle Management Plan</u> and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 to examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of ORVs within the Preserve.

The establishment of the Committee fulfills the National Park Service's policy of civic engagement. It is envisioned that the committee will strengthen the relationship that the NPS has with its partners and communities. The Committee will be comprised of individuals that represent (1) Sportsmen / ORV users; (2) landowners; (3) academia; (4) environmental advocates; (5) the State government, and (6) Tribal Governments.

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